

- (a) New ramp and landscaping.  
 (b) The contract was awarded in the amount of \$18,000.

2. Yes.

(a)	M & S Martin Limited, Ottawa	\$18,000
	Roger Prévost Construction Limited, Vanier	\$18,834
	Greenside Construction Management Ltd., Nepean	\$20,769
	Duvon Ottawa Limited, Nepean	\$21,900
	Ottawa G & C Construction, Nepean	\$22,500
	J.D. Construction, Ottawa	\$23,900
	Darvell & Family Limited, Ashton	\$24,132
	J.K.R. Holdings Limited, Ottawa	\$24,580
	Cody Construction, Brockville	\$24,760
	Vic-Bilt General Contractors Inc., Ottawa	\$26,670
	J.R.B. Construction Limited, Ottawa	\$29,021

(b) Not applicable.

3. No. (a), (b) and (c) Not applicable.

4. Yes. Consideration was given through the use of public advertisement for the project.

#### 1981 POSTAL STRIKE

Question No. 3,024—**Mr. Cossitt:**

1. Were any postal employees laid off because of the 1981 strike by the Canadian Union of Postal Employees?
2. Did any of these employees receive unemployment insurance benefits and, if so, how many and at what cost to the taxpayer?

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Canada Post Corporation and the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission/Department as follows:

1. As defined in the Public Service Employment Act, no employee was laid off because of the 1981 postal strike, rather they were put on what is called "off duty status".

2. CEIC computer records indicate that 15,185 postal employees received a total of \$5,914,601 in unemployment insurance benefits during the 1981 strike.

These figures may not include all postal employees who received UI benefits during the strike because UI claimants are coded in accordance to occupation. Therefore, the figures given do not include occupations such as truck drivers, secretaries and other clerical and casual workers, which cannot be distinguished from non-post office occupations.

#### STUDY OF MICROWAVES

Question No. 3,047—**Mr. McKinnon:**

1. Is a study of the behaviour or neurochemical changes induced by microwaves to be conducted by Carleton University for the Department of National Defence at a cost of \$37,186?
2. Were similar studies done by the Department and (a) if not, for what reason (b) if so, for what reason were those results not used?

#### Order Paper Questions

**Mr. David Smith (Parliamentary Secretary to President of the Privy Council):** I am informed by the Departments of National Defence and Supply and Services as follows:

1. Yes. The Department of Supply and Services awarded a contract to Carleton University on June 17, 1981, for a Study of the Behavioural or Neurochemical Changes Induced by Microwaves (Non-Ionizing Radiation), at an estimated expenditure of \$37,186.

2. (a) No. The Department of National Defence has not carried out studies on the behavioural or neurochemical changes induced by microwaves. Their effort to date has been concentrated on absorption measurements and physiological effects which at the time the program was set up was considered to have had higher priority than the study now being conducted by Carleton University.

(b) Not applicable.

#### DVA—LONG-TERM PLANNING PROCESS

Question No. 3,050—**Mr. McKenzie:**

With reference to Section 10.17 of the 1980 report of the Auditor General, have measures been taken to correct the present inadequate resources and insufficient involvement by senior officials in the long-term planning process and, if so, what were they?

**Hon. W. Bennett Campbell (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** Corrective measures have been taken to improve the long-term planning process in Veterans Affairs. The measures have consisted of the recruitment of a number of new planning officers, the development of improved planning processes including a strategic planning process, and involvement of senior financial managers. The foundation for long-term plans has now been established, and the plans are in the development stages.

#### DVA—REGIONAL COMPUTER SYSTEMS

Question No. 3,051—**Mr. McKenzie:**

With reference to section 10.23 of the 1980 report of the Auditor General, is the Department of Veterans Affairs planning to remedy the present lack of suitable computer systems for regional use?

**Hon. W. Bennett Campbell (Minister of Veterans Affairs):** The Department of Veterans Affairs has extensive plans to provide computer systems for regional use. To date, a telecommunications network and inquiry system, linked to a central computer in Ottawa, has been established in all districts and regional offices of the veterans services program.

A new computer system was recently installed in the Pacific region in support of war veterans allowances and civilian war allowances processes. It is planned to extend this and other systems to all regions by the end of the 1982-83 fiscal year.

New systems are also under development to provide support to both field and head office file registry operations. Implementation is planned for the first half of 1982.